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5 In re application of: : CHRISTIAN TABACUTU
Serial No. : 09/870,039
Filed : May 30, 2001
10 For : Connector Apparatus, And Associated Method, Formed Of
Material Exhibiting Physical Memory Characteristics
Group No. : 2827
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to telephonic conferences with the Examiner on 3 and 4 March 2003,
30 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-20 and amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 by
substituting therefor the following substitute claims:

35 1. (Twice Amended) In an electronic circuit component mounted upon a substrate and
electronically connected thereto, the substrate defining a seating surface at which the electronic
circuit is received in seating engagement thereon, the seating surface having at least a first indent